The Order of Service

for

Laying the Corner Stone

of the

Parish House of St. Peter's Church

Roberts Avenue, Glenside, Pa.

Saturday Afternoon, June 14, 1924

3.30 0' Clock

By the

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Bishop of Pennsylvania

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Fymn

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord:
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for Her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth,
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Then the Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love: keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Cesson-St. Luke 2: 41-end.

Apostles' Creed

Let us pray.

- V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
- R. Christ, have mercy upon us.
- V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

- V. Behold I lay in Sion a chief Cornerstone, elect, precious:
- R. And he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.
- V. The Stone which the builders refused:
- R. Is become the Headstone of the corner.
- V. This is the Lord's doing;
- R. And it is marvelous in our eyes.
- V. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid:
- R. Which is Jesus Christ.

We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for that Thou hast blessed and forwarded the work of our hands hitherto; accept the praises that we offer unto Thee from true and grateful hearts, that rejoicing in Thy goodness we may be accepted of Thee, and this place may be filled from its beginning with the spirit of thankfulness and loving homage, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person, the one Foundation, the chief Cornerstone; Bless what we do now in laying this Stone in Thy Name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the glory of Thy Name, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

Then the Bishop, assisted by the Builders, shall lay the Stone in its place, and striking it three times, shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Address by Bishop Garland

During the singing of the following Hymn, Offerings for the Building Fund will be received.

Fymn

All things are Thine; no gifts have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee: And hence with grateful hearts to-day Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

Thy will was in the builders' thought;
Thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
Through mortal motive, scheme and plan,
Thy wise eternal purpose ran.

In weakness and in want we call
On Thee for whom the heavens are
small;
Thy glory is Thy children's good,
Thy joy Thy tender Fatherhood.

O Father, deign these wall to bless:
Fill with Thy love their emptiness:
And let their door a gateway be
To lead us from ourselves to Thee.

Amen.

Doxology

Cet us pray:

O God, the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee, to protect and succor the builders of this house; keep them in their labor from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril, that the work which, through Thy mercy has been begun, may be brought to a happy end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, especially for those who have given of their substance to this good work; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction

Fymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown His head: His Name like sweet perfume shall rise, With every morning sacrifice. People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song: And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The prisoner leaps to burst his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King: Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.